(c) and (d) CPWD is the principal construction agency of the Central Government and is competent to provide consultancy and turn-key jobs to various organizations and, over the years, has carried out a large number of such jobs.

Penalty for Sonia Vihar Plant

*215. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government would have to pay Rs. 2.3 lakhs per day as penalty to the multi-national company Degremont if Sonia Vihar Plant is not made operational;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been initiated to provide water to the residents of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that no such penalty is payable. However, the contract provides for payment of some specified charges if raw water is not supplied after the plant is operationalised. DJB has further intimated that the plant has not been operationalised so far.

(c) DJB has further indicated that it is supplying 675 million gallons of water per day in Delhi for a population of about 140 lakhs which works out to approximately 210 litres per capita daily (1pcd). Water treatment plants at Sonia Vihar and Nangloi have been constructed adding treatment capacity of 180 mgd to further enhance the availability of drinking water. Water treatment plants at Dwarka, Bawana and Okhla have also been planned which would add an estimated 80 mgd of treatment capacity. Action has also been taken by Delhi Jal Board to reduce the seepage losses and recycling of waste water at existing plants.

The Delhi Jal Board has also informed that, as short-term measures, about 255 tubewells have been bored/rebored and 449 Deep Bore Hand Pumps have been installed. During the current summer season, about 1200 water tankers have also been deployed to augment water supply in various parts of Delhi.